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My dear Willie

I know it is some time since I wrote there always crowds in a lot of odds and ends to do which swallow up the days one after another. You will hear from some one at W. Ave. the May is very poorly and Marian has gone up to nurse her at Mrs. Le Batts, we have not heard since Saturday, but hope there will be good tidings today. Carrie K'm afraid is not at all improving at Rochester for the last three weeks she has been losing ground, was a fortnight in her room before she told any one that she was worse. Hennie is with her and I was in hopes that she should have brought Carrie back when she returned this week but from what BB said yesterday she seems to have made up her mind to remain there another six or seven weeks. I feel very anxious about her and wish she was in her own home--her stomach rejects all food, she has nourishment administered every hour or so, the Dr. says her stomach is contracted from want of use, are not these alarming symptoms? To me it looks like the beginning of the end but I do not think either BB or Hennie think of such a thing. I dare say I'm looking at things through a clouded mind, but there is still another trouble looming up. Amy looks ill, and has many symptoms to make one uneasy. Carrie said in her last note to me--"Can't Willie do anything for Amy?" I believe she is under Dr. Temple's care, takes tonic etc. but nothing seems to be of benefit. Father keeps as usual gets out mostly every day for a constitutional. Chattie stole a day and spent yesterday week with us, bringing with her the lovely Baby of course, and Trevor and Aylmer, the latter we kept with us till C gets a servant, she has been without one for the last three weeks, but hoped to have one today. Annie is giving a large party for Isabel on the 3rd. of Nov. Grant and Alec have invitations and are elated over it; nothing else goes down in conversation. The Wylde and W. Smith are close neighbours on Sherbourne St. Mr. W. will be much happier in town for the winter--at present Dick and his wife are with them.

Nellie has her hands full with her work at the "Infants Home" the annual meeting comes off today. We all unite in much love

Ever your loving Mother
Ellen Osler